

As the mayor of the City of Dolyna and the president of the Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine" (EECU) representing 19 member cities of this association and acting in their name,

taking into account the extraordinary efforts and successes of the EECU in combating global climate change through promoting sustainable energy management at the municipal level in Ukraine, I would like to nominate the

Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine"
for the "Earth Day Network Environmental Award".

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Mayor of the City of Dolyna
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Dolyna and other 18 member cities of the EECU (Artemivsk, Bernadyansk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kamyanets Podilskiy, Kherson, Khmilnyk, Kovel, Lviv, Lutsk, Mohyliv Podilskiy, Novohrad Volynskiy, Pervomaysk, Prymorsk, Slavuta, Slavutych, Vinnyca, Voznesensk, Zmerynka), thanks to their membership in this organization, have become pioneer Ukrainian municipalities actively combating global climate change through increasing energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy sources in the total final energy consumption in their respective territories.

The Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine", as the only organization in Ukraine, holds the official status of the *Supporting Structure* of the EU Commission's and European local governments' initiative "Covenant of Mayors", aiming to combat global climate change through voluntary commitments of local governments willing to reduce their CO2 emissions by at least 20% by 2020. Thanks to the active engagement of the EECU, already 12 Ukrainian municipalities joined this initiative and are in the process of development and implementation of their local Sustainable Energy Action Plans, which is one of the main obligations of all signatories of the "Covenant of Mayors".



Ukrainian signatories of the “Covenant of Mayors”

Thanks to the Association “Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine”, that is also a collective member of the European local governments’ organization “Energy Cities” and actively cooperates with numerous foreign partners, the EECU member cities have profited from the EECU’s informational and networking support, seminars and workshops, consulting sessions as well as have had the chance to participate in the following projects:

- USAID Municipal Heating Reform (2.03.2009 – 2.03.2012); total sum (EUR): 10 000 000
Implementation in four Ukrainian pilot cities - Lviv, Lutsk, Kramatorsk and Yevpatoria;
- Coaching of signatories of the Covenant of Mayors in development of Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP) (1.02.2010 – 30.11.2012), total sum(EUR): 120 000;
- Training Consultants in Sustainable Energy Management (1.02.2010 – 30.11.2012), total sum (EUR): 6000;
- The «Display Campaign» - posters enabling displaying energy and water consumption of a particular building over years, in a way that can be easily understood by the citizens (application of the software of the Energy Cities’ energy efficiency campaign «Display»). As a result, this tool has been already successfully used by several Ukrainian cities until now and has enabled participating municipalities not only to significantly reduce their CO2 emissions, but also to save a lot of money;
- Implementation of "Enerhoplan" (developed and implemented by the EECU experts) – a software for optimization of municipal energy policy in EECU member cities;
- Loans for increasing energy efficiency of municipal buildings (NEFCO).